Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Sir Paul McCartney was born June 18, 1942, in Liverpool, England; and,

Whereas, McCartney joined John Lennon, George Harrison, and Ringo Starr to form "The Beatles," revolutionizing rock and roll as the best-selling band of all time and earning induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1988; and,

Whereas, McCartney and Lennon formed one of the greatest songwriting partnerships in history, including the song "Rocky Raccoon," which takes place "somewhere in the black mountain hills of Dakota"; and,

Whereas, McCartney's contributions to music continued with his band "The Wings" and in his solo career, earning him a second Rock and Roll Hall of Fame induction as an individual in 1999; and McCartney had also won 21 Grammy Awards; and,

Whereas, Queen Elizabeth II knighted McCartney in 1997 for his services to music, and in 2010 McCartney was a recipient of the Kennedy Center Honors; and,

Whereas, After over fifty years of performing around the world, on May 2, 2016, McCartney will perform for the first time in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, McCartney has performed historic concerts in venues such as the Cavern Club, the London Palladium, Shea Stadium, Candlestick Park, and on the Ed Sullivan Show and will add to this list of distinguished venues the Denny Sanford PREMIER Center in Sioux Falls; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of the contributions of this outstanding musician and entertainer:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 2, 2016, as

SIR PAUL McCARTNEY DAY

in South Dakota, and I join all South Dakotans in welcoming McCartney to the Mount Rushmore State.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-ninth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Teresa J Bray, Deputy Secretary

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State